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Sir,

Transmitted herewith is a response to an office action in the subject application.

Applicants claim small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.27.

Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants petition for a two-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136, the fee for which is \$420.00 (enclosed).

Applicants believe that no petition for an extension of time is necessary. However, to the extent that such petition is deemed necessary, Applicants hereby petition for a sufficient extension of time to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.

No additional claim fee is required.

Other:

The claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

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				RATE	ADDT. CLAIM FEE	RATE	ADDT. CLAIM FEE
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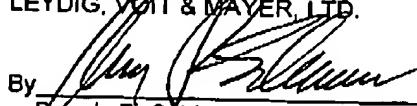
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Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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